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To: JudTestimony; Rep. Blumenthal, Matt
Subject: A testimony WRT Senate Bill 16, H.B. Nos 388, 5412, 5415 and 5416

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Matt Blumenthal:

I respectfully ask that this testimony be read at Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on Monday, March 14th 2022.

I respectfully ask that you OPPOSE SB 16.

"AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME"

This misleadingly-named Act makes no attempt on actually addressing gun violence and its attempt on addressing Juvenile Crime is at best halfhearted and ineffective.

Instead, passing of the Act would makes thousands of law-abiding Connecticutians criminals by redefining rules of continued ownership and transfer of firearms of types commonly owned by law-abiding citizens (the types predominantly owned by collectors and handicapped firearm owners), in arcane language.

It is important to realize that exactly ZERO of the targeted firearm types has been used in "gun" violence or juvenile crimes in the recent history (including but not limited the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012), specifically none of the provisions of the Act changes rules for either firearms earlier classified as "assault weapon" or for pistols or revolvers -- which are the firearms that have actually been used in committing of the violence and juvenile crimes allegedly targeted by the act.

Passing the H.B. 5416 would misdirect already strained public funds and do nothing to punish or deter the perpetrators of violent crimes with firearms, 70% of which is committed with the firearms held illegally in terms of currently existing laws.

I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416

The act would make it impossible to legally for a law-abiding firearm owner to pass their ownership of more than one firearm in a short period of time by that further infringing on people's right to own and bear arms, again with no evidence whatsoever that such restriction anyhow addresses "gun" violence or juvenile crime.

The combined effect of the above provisions of the Senate Bill 16 and H.B. 5416

likely raises such infringement to the point of running afoul of the US Constitution.

We should not waste our limited funds on implementing new arcane restrictions on firearm owners whereas the existing laws are being violated with virtual impunity and violent perpetrators are punished with at most a slap on the wrist. Adding new laws while not enforcing existing ones destroys respect to the Rule of Law in our society and hardly anything can be more dangerous for Connecticut communities.

Please SUPPORT the following bills:
S.B. No. 388, H.B. No. 5415 and H.B. No. 5412

Thank you for your time,

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